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## From the Top

### NCOs: Passing the Test

Noncommissioned Officers (NCOs) must develop trust, soldier-to-soldier, leader-to-leader, unit-to-unit in the Army and cultivate the war-fighting confidence of the force. Two major responsibilities of NCO leaders are to train for decisive war-fighting and develop leaders for the next conflict. Army leadership will never again allow a failure such as "Task Force Smith" in Korea.

It is the primary responsibility of an NCO to ensure that our soldiers are physically and mentally prepared to dominate the next battlefield...no soldier should go into harm's way untrained. Soldiers must be comfortable, confident, and competent in the elements of their field duties. We must get back to the basics of enforcing Army standards and ensuring that training conforms to standards and not time. This is NCO business.

On 11 September 2001, our great Nation arose just like any other day. Its Army trained and ready to defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Suddenly, we were tested as a nation and as an Army by a horrific terrorist attack. This test began on one day and will continue for months, maybe even years to come. This test is not one we could have seen coming individually, but one that we can collectively overcome.

Daily teaching by competent and proficient NCOs provided soldiers with the training necessary to save the lives of dozens of fellow soldiers in the Pentagon. This same teaching allowed soldiers to parachute safely to the ground and continues to successfully save soldier's lives during numerous missions and firefights in Afghanistan. Guiding

these soldiers while they were putting their lives in danger adds to the success of the NCO Corps, feeding the success of our Army's future. Counseling soldiers, who do well on day-to-day tasks, or simple on-the-spot corrections during a fire-fight, may bring someone's son or daughter home safely. Mentoring our subordinates is tough but we must prepare them to fill our shoes when we one day move on. The longevity of our Army depends on this. Our creed tells us our two basic responsibilities are the accomplishment of the mission and the welfare of the soldier. If we do not teach, guide, counsel, and mentor our soldiers on how to accomplish the mission, we have failed twice.



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America is behind us. Not since World War II, has this Nation rallied so completely behind her troops to defend against an enemy and to ultimately bring about its defeat. On the news, family members tell the story of their loved one who gave their life in the defense of freedom. None have said that they wished their sons or daughters had stayed home, but are proud of what they stood for and the continued success of our Nation. They trust that we will lead their loved ones in battle and that they will come home victorious. We must not take this lightly, but find strength in its calling. Some of us may not see the battlefield directly, but we must ensure our soldiers are prepared. We win each day when one of our soldiers completes a task to standard, scores well on a physical fitness test, or saves a life on the battlefield. Our Nation depends on the NCO's ability to train our soldiers to fight and win, no matter where that fight takes us.

## AMEDD Correspondence Course e-mail address

A central e-mail address is available to communicate with the AMEDD Correspondence Course Program. It is [accp@amedd.army.mil](mailto:accp@amedd.army.mil) and links students to personnel who can assist them with problems or concerns about enrollment. **Contact:** Nonresident Instruction Section at 1-800-344-2380.

### MTP/CBRNE update

Due to the events of 11 Sep and the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, we must ensure that soldiers are trained to conduct operations in a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosive (CBRNE) event. To meet this requirement, the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) Branch made two changes in all AMEDD ARTEP Mission Training Plans (MTP) to assist commanders and leaders in training their units. Collective tasks that are directly affected or will support a CBRNE event are labeled with a statement in the CONDITION that reads, "THIS TASK MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT A CBRNE EVENT."

In addition to collective tasks, an appendix at the back of the MTP defines CBRNE, identifies the AMEDD support role, and delineates the command structure for those agencies/elements participating in the event. Further MTP revisions will appear during cyclical review. Look for recent MTP changes on the Commandant-Approved side of the General Dennis Reimer Digital Library at <http://www.adtdl.army.mil/atdls.htm>. For more information, contact: Mr. Romano at [john.romano@amedd.army.mil](mailto:john.romano@amedd.army.mil) or Ms. Garza at DSN 471-2672, (210) 221-2672, or [crescenciana.garza@amedd.army.mil](mailto:crescenciana.garza@amedd.army.mil).

### AMEDD videotapes available

The following videotapes are available for use in your unit training through the Internet at <http://dodimagery.afis.osd.mil> where you can place your order. They are also available at your supporting Training Support Center or Visual Information Support Center. This list contains the production identification number, title, and running time:

#### *Biological and Chemical Warfare and Terrorism:*

- 711537 Medical Issues and Response - Intro, Anthrax, Lab Diagnostics, Plaque, Smallpox, 1:54:03
- 711538 Medical Issues and Response - Smallpox, Botulism, Tularemia, Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers, 1:55:26
- 711539 Medical Issues and Response - Intro, Nerve Agents, Cyanide, and Sulfur Mustard Scenario, 1:50:00
- 711540 Medical Issues and Response - Sulfur Mustard, Pulmonary Agents, and Q&A, 1:57:51
- 711541 Medical Issues and Response - Combined Agent Community Response, 2:00:10
- 711542 Medical Issues and Response - Combined Agent Community Response, (cont) 2:00:09
- 711227 M1022A1 Dolly Set Training, PT 1, 1:02:00
- 711228 M1022A1 Dolly Set Training, PT 2, 40:42
- 711495 Witness the Evil, 34:48
- 710007 Protect Yourself Against Heat, 10:00

For USAMEDCOM personnel needing information on specific medical videotapes, access our web page at [www.cs.amedd.army.mil](http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil) or contact: AMEDDC&S Health Sciences Visual Information Division, DSN 471-3111 or (210) 221-3111.

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**MOS 91X training opportunities**

The Alcohol and Drug Training Section, Soldier and Family Support Branch, Department of Preventive Health Services, has announced the following training opportunities to help soldiers improve their counseling skills. Soldiers holding PMOS 91X may be nominated for training at Fort Sam Houston regardless of duty assignment. *Nomination does not guarantee enrollment*. Mental health officers and other counseling professionals may also apply on a space-available basis. The ATRRS web site to verify class dates is [www.atrrs.army.mil](http://www.atrrs.army.mil). Click on Course Catalog in upper right corner to open search form. Select School Code 081 and click on "Submit." Course, number, date, and suspense are:

Course	Number	Date	Suspense
Group Counseling	5H-F5/302-F5	27 Jan - 7 Feb 03	23 Dec 02
Advanced Counseling	5H-F10/302-F10	3-7 Mar 03	27 Jan 03
Advanced Counseling (Korea, Pacific personnel only)	5H-F10/302-F10	7-11 Apr 03	3 Mar 03
Group Counseling	5H-F5/302-F5	5-16 May 03	31 Mar 03

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**Access AMEDD training on-line**

Army Medical Department facilities subscribing to Swank Healthcare Services **HealthNet**, are able to access AMEDD programs on-line. **HealthNet** consists of Continuing Education (CE) for all members of the medical staff, including Readiness and Training programs, patient education, and mandatory JCAHO/OSHA regulatory programs. Courses are accredited and provided at no

expense to students and employees, and fulfill the mission for CE certification requirements.

To explore **HealthNet** in more detail and view a synopsis of the courses, access [www.swankhealth.com](http://www.swankhealth.com). For more information about the program, **contact:** Department of Distance Learning, AMEDDC&S, DSN 471-7324/8396 or (210) 221-7324/8396.

## New/Revised Individual Training Publications

The Individual Training Publication Branch (ITPB), Department of Training Support, is responsible for supporting the development and production of AMEDD individual training publications and common task products. The following are some recent ITPB initiatives:

- Soldier training publications (STPs) for MOSs 91R and 91W were fielded in 2001. Revised manuals for MOSs 91G and 91T have been recently completed.
- TC 8-800, Semi-Annual Combat Medic Skills Validation Test, was published on the Reimer Digital Library (RDL) on 14 Jun 02.
- TC 8-502, Nutrition Care Operations, has also been completed.

These manuals are being published by electronic means only. The official authenticated manuals are available for download as Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files from the RDL at <http://155.217.58.58/atdls.htm>. AMEDD STPs for 14 of 16 MOSs can also be downloaded as PDF files from the RDL.

The STPs for 12 MOSs are currently under revision. By 30 Sep 02, Chapter Three for all divisional and support unit STPs will be available on the Commandant-Approved side of the RDL. Drafts will be posted on the ITPB web site at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/dts/itpb/itpbhome.html> as they become available. For more information, **contact:** Mr. Barcus at DSN 471-1546, (210) 221-1546, or e-mail [richard.barcus@amedd.army.mil](mailto:richard.barcus@amedd.army.mil).

## Request for Transcripts

The Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) represents a partnership between the Army and the American Council on Education (ACE). The transcript documents an enlisted soldier's military schooling and experience. The AARTS transcript provides college credit recommendations designed to help registrars and admission officers at civilian colleges and universities in their evaluation and award of credit for the soldier's military learning experiences.

To request an AARTS transcript:

- Visit the AARTS web site at: [www.leavenworth.army.mil/aarts](http://www.leavenworth.army.mil/aarts).
- E-mail AARTS at: [aarts@leavenworth.army.mil](mailto:aarts@leavenworth.army.mil).
- Mail or fax a written, signed request or completed DA Form 5454-R to: AARTS OPERATIONS CENTER, 415 MCPHERSON AVE, FORT LEAVENWORTH KS 66027-1373. FAX: (913) 684-2011 or DSN 552-2011
- Telephone AARTS (toll-free) at: (866) 297-4427 or DSN 552-3269.

For soldiers needing more information, **contact:** Ms. Litzler, AMEDDC&S Registrar, DSN 471-6207, (210) 221-6207, or e-mail [christina.litzler@amedd.army.mil](mailto:christina.litzler@amedd.army.mil).